

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JUNE 17, 2008

Mayor Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:04 P.M. in the Cal Brand Meeting Room.

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Armstrong indicated there would be a special City Council meeting on June 24, 2008 in order to apprise the Council of the efforts of the different city departments and the expenses and recovery of expenses as well as an item for action.

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Mike Malinsky with St Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Armstrong.
- C. Roll Call: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson and Priscilla Scalf were present. Craig Hawes was absent.
- D. Acceptance of Minutes: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from June 3, 2008 Council meeting. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- E. Report from Indiana Association of Cities and Towns on Property Tax Bill 1001: – Ann Cottongin, representative from IACT, gave a power point presentation on House Bill 1001. She spoke of the effects it will have on cities and towns.

**II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.20, 2008, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TARGET AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7." (Jackson Place, L.L.C.) Jim Clouse, along with the developers Mike Sanders and Mike Greven of Jackson Place presented this tax abatement. Council member Jesse Brand excused himself from the voting. Jim Clouse indicated Jackson Place LLC is requesting tax abatement on real property in the amount of \$3,769,000. This property is being developed as

a LEED certified 45 unit condominiums. This is phase I which consists of 13 units, 22,500 sq. ft. This tax abatement was postponed from last Council meeting due to incorrect numbers. Joe Richardson, member of the Incentive Review Committee, reported the committee had met prior to the Council meeting and found Jackson Place LLC to be in substantial compliance. Brief discussion followed. George Dutro moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with Jesse Brand abstaining.

- B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.25, 2008, AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.” (Bartholomew County Parking Lot) Jeff Bergman recapped this vacation of right-of-way and presented an updated Ordinance specifically documenting the condition that the current alley access points at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lafayette Streets be removed. He showed the power point slides. Brief discussion followed. Priscilla Scalf moved to approve the Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- C. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.26, 2008, STORMWATER-ILLICIT DISCHARGE ORDINANCE CITY OF COLUMBUS.” Steve Ruble, City Engineer, presented this Ordinance. Brief discussion followed. George Dutro moved to approve. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.27, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.20.010 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE.” Steve Ruble recapped this Ordinance and presented the Council with a new Ordinance. A representative for Cummins, Inc. was in the audience and addressed the issue of the proposed two-way street. He indicated the need was because of safety issues and to keep, primarily big trucks, out of neighborhoods and near the schools. Steve Ruble indicated he felt this would help the traffic flow. Much discussion followed. Jesse Brand moved to amend the Ordinance as the handout specified. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Jesse Brand moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1 with George Dutro voting nay.
- E. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.28, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.24 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA AS IT PERTAINS TO EXCAVATIONS IN PUBLIC STREETS AND RIGHTS OF WAY.” Steve Ruble presented this second reading of the Ordinance. Steve Ruble recapped the need for this Ordinance. Brief discussion followed. George

Dutro moved to approve the Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- F. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 29, 2008, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” Steve Ruble presented this second reading along with Tim Lawson with DLZ. Steve Ruble recapped this Ordinance. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

### **III. New Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. Reading entitled “RESOLUTION NO.21, 2008, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.12-1.1-7.” (Data Cave, Inc.) Jim Clouse, with Community Development, along with Caleb Tennis representing Data Cave, Inc. presented the request for tax abatement. Data Cave, Inc. requested tax abatement on real and personal property in conjunction with redevelopment of Lot # 1A of Technology Park on Technology Blvd., along with the purchase and installation of new IT equipment. This abatement would include abatement of real property in the amount of \$5,100,000 and \$500,000 in equipment. Mr. Tennis indicated this facility will house computer data backup as an offset facility for small and large businesses in a secure environment. Joe Richardson indicated the Incentive Review Committee met and found Data Cave, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Joe Richardson moved to approve the tax abatement. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.30, 2008, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 26, 2007, (“THE 2008 SALARY ORDINANCE”). Fire Chief Gary Henderson along with Assistant Chief Alan Hayes presented this Ordinance. Chief Henderson indicated that the two departments decided because the mechanics work out of the same building, they would combine their forces. It would save the city approximately \$30,000 annually and then the city would not have to use outside vendors for vehicle service. Discussion followed. Jesse Brand moved to suspend the rules and pass on the first reading. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed

by a vote of 6 to 0. Jesse Brand moved to pass the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**IV. Other Business**

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall.
- C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 P.M.

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

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Columbus City Clerk Treasurer